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FOR SCS AND EUR/WE

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TAGS: CDES AO (GEARHART, DANIEL)

SUBJECT: RETURN OF REMAINS

REF: LISBON 4712 AND 4715 AND ROWELL/WILLIAMS

TELECON 7/14/76

1. JULIO CORREIA REPORTS THAT ANGOLANS NOW REFUSE HONOR EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING HIM TO EFFECT RETURN REMAINS OF GEARHART AND BACON. THEY NOW REQUIRE THAT DIPLOMATIC MISSION ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN LUANDA REPRESENT USG IN MATTER.

2. ACCORDING TO CORREIA, ANGOLANS SEEM TO CONFUSE OUR MOST RECENT CABLE (DESCRIBED LISBON 4715) WITH EARLIER ONES CONCERNING VISIT OF SEN. MATHIAS. CORREIA FURTHER STATES THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT PROBLEM IS ENDANGERING HIS SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

3. BODIES OF BRITISH MERCENARIES WILL REPORTEDLY BE SHIPPED FROM LUANDA THURSDAY AFTERNOON. BRITISH HAVE HAD NO REP ON HAND FOR TRIAL AND REMOVAL OF BODIES.

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4. DURING MATHIAS VISIT, LOCAL SWEDISH EMBASSY SAID
GOS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY. THEY SUGGESTED
DEPARTMENT CONTACT SWEDISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN
CONNECTION WITH RETURN OF GEARHART AND BACON REMAINS.

5. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND CORREIA BE DISENGAGED
FROM PROBLEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AM INSTRUCTING
CORREIA TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE, BUT NOT TO JEOPARDIZE
HIS PERSONAL POSITION.
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